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Promise Water Remedy Here Soon

Start Chemical War Against Plant Life In Tanks And Pipes

W. R. Teats, County Health Department, in Charge of Treatment Process at Dominguez Water Company

ODOR ELIMINATED SOON, IS PROMISE

Company Co-operating Fully With Officials, Herald Representative Learns On Trip to Pumping Plant

Answers Herald 'Open Letter'

Mr. W. Harold Kingsley,
Editor Torrance Herald,
Torrance, California.

My dear Mr. Kingsley:

I have been handed your "open letter to the Dominguez Water Company" published in your issue of May 23rd, 1924. It is the intention of the Dominguez Water Company that the quality of the water furnished to the citizens of Torrance shall be healthful and pure. To that end the Dominguez Water Company has enlisted the services of the Board of Health of Los Angeles County which is now making investigations and we will follow their instructions. You may rest assured that the Dominguez Water Company will pursue its investigations, to find the real cause, and when found will apply the proper remedies.

Very respectfully yours,

DOMINGUEZ WATER COMPANY,
By H. W. O'Melveny,
President.

Unpleasant features of the water supply in Torrance will be entirely eliminated within a few weeks, W. R. Teats, of the county health department assured a representative of The Torrance Herald Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Teats conducted a delegation from Torrance around the pumping station of the Dominguez Water company, from which the Torrance Water, Light and Power company buys water for distribution in this city.

He explained in detail the cause of the unpleasant odor in the water, and outlined the manner in which it is being gradually eliminated. He emphasized the fact that the county health department has tested the water with regularity and that it is entirely healthful.

Mr. Teats asserted that attention of the county department was drawn to the Dominguez Water company by a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and that he went immediately to the plant, where the company has co-operated with the health authorities completely in all matters.

Grown for Years

According to Mr. Teats the odor in the water has been and is due to decaying vegetable matter in the Dominguez Water company's reservoirs and in the pipes, both between the pumping plant and Torrance and in Torrance.

This vegetable matter, according to the health department man, has been accumulating in the reservoirs and pipes for years. Though harmless from a standpoint of public health, it makes for an unpleasant odor.

The chemical treatment recommended by the health department and now under way is designed to destroy all of the vegetable matter in the reservoirs and pipes. This is done by the introduction of a small amount of copper sulphate into the big reservoir

into which water is pumped directly from the wells.

The chemical action of the copper sulphate in the water causes the carbon dioxide in the water to be thrown off. All vegetable matter lives on carbon dioxide, which builds up starch in the plant cells. By introducing copper sulphate, the carbon dioxide rises to the surface of the water in bubbles. The plant life, thus deprived of food, dies. The treatment has been going on for a week and the vegetable matter in the reservoir is visibly dying out.

Treat L. A. Supply
"The killing off of all of the algae in the reservoirs, and especially in the pipes, will require several weeks," said Mr. Teats. "But once it is entirely eliminated, it will never return, for the treatment will be continued permanently."

According to Mr. Teats, the Los Angeles water supply is treated continually for the same purpose.

Representatives of the Dominguez Water company assured the Torrance men that the company is prepared to follow explicitly all recommendations of the county health department, and that permanent treatment of the water to prevent future growth of vegetable matter in the pipes and reservoirs will be instituted.

"The water from the wells of the Dominguez Water company," said Mr. Teats, "is unusually healthful. It contains a large amount of sulphur, which is especially advantageous. Many health resorts advertise extensively their sulphur water wells."

"I appreciate fully, as do the company and the health department, the unpleasantness of the odor in the water served to the people of Torrance. We can assure you, however, that this unpleasantness is being gradually eliminated and that once removed it will not return."

THE DINNER

Don't forget the place and time—M. E. church tonight. Come and have a good dinner—the best ever for the price. Service 5 to 7.

Observations

The Voter — Congress Quits — Turning Light Around a Corner—The Law—Child Labor—Taxes—Money and Murderers

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PITY the poor voter this year. Big business men tell him that industry will prosper if Coolidge is elected. Prosperous industries mean plenty of jobs. Work for everyone is a condition acceptable to everyone. Then come the pink-progressives shouting that a sample of what big business does with an administration that is satisfactory was provided by the recent scandals in connection with oil, shipping, disabled veterans, and booze.

The voter knows there is some truth in what each faction says. Pity the bewildered voter.

CONGRESS will adjourn Saturday night. Senator La Follette failed in his attempt to carry a resolution for a recess to last only until after the two national conventions. Managers of both parties never want Congress in session during the heat of a presidential campaign. Because managers never know what representatives and senators will say, never are sure what sand will be poured into party gear-boxes by Congress in session. Perhaps it is just as well. There is plenty for members of Congress to do back home—explaining to their constituents some of their astonishing antics down in Washington.

LIGHT rays will travel around corners in a quartz rod. Unlike glass, quartz does not absorb the ultra-violet rays, which have been discovered to have a high medicinal value. Send light into the end of a quartz rod bent and twisted into any conceivable form and the light, without being lost by shining out the sides.

The General Electric company announces that quartz may now be fused and provided in large quantities at reasonable cost. In view of the peculiar properties of this most transparent substance known to man, that announcement is of tremendous importance. Physicians now possess interesting quartz lamps, together with rods of all shapes, enabling them to send the healing ultra-violet rays to previously unreachable parts of the anatomy.

And the science of treatment by light and heat is yet in its infancy. But quiet, unobtrusive men are working daily in laboratories improving methods, discovering wonderful new truths about nature. They are, above all others, the true pioneers of human progress.

BECAUSE the law stipulates specifically the manner in which inquests shall be conducted, some forty grief-stricken parents were forced to pass a gruesome row of charred little bodies at Venice to identify child victims of the Hope Development school fire. Eye-witnesses of this mournful procession of heart-broken parents describe it as the utmost in horror.

But, of course, the law must be regarded to the letter. Sometimes it seems that we libel the monkeys from which mortals claim descent.

SPEEDY approval of the twentieth amendment to the Constitution by the necessary three-fourths of the states may be expected. For the spirit of America is against the employment of children of tender years in shops, factories and stores.

The Supreme Court ruled state child labor laws unconstitutional. Congress then passed an amendment to the Constitution, with all parties, factions and blocs working as one.

When the amendment has been ratified, another step forward to the distant millennium will have been taken.

TRULY the ship of state is manned by anything but a single-minded crew. The helmsman is having his troubles with the lads of the forecastle. The helmsman vetoed the bonus bill. Congress passed it over his veto. Congress passed the immigration bill over his objections. He signed it with protest. Congress passed the tax reduction bill against his will. He signed with protest.

The President is chief of his party. But his party has not supported the chief at Washington. So the platform committee at Cleveland will have an unusually difficult job.

Will the platform commend the President and berate Congress? Will it commend Congress and berate the President? It will not.

The divergent views of Republicans, executive and legislative, make this year's job of "pointing with pride" a most ticklish task.

If the platform commends the tax reduction, it will read contrary to the President's ideas.

It cannot say, in effect, "We gave the boys the bonus," without indirectly attacking Mr. Coolidge.

It cannot shout to the Pacific coast that the Japanese exclusion act was passed by the administration, because the head of the administration objected strenuously to that provision.

It is a heap easier to write this editorial than it will be to write even one paragraph of that platform, which must commend without offending, view with alarm without danger of splitting the party, and praise accomplishments without alienating any of the factions of the G. O. P.

The job of the Democrats will be much easier.

They can say: "We gave the boys the bonus despite President Coolidge."

"We put through the tax bill, favoring men with small incomes—despite President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon."

"We voted Japanese exclusion over the head of the Republican President."

The bitter medicine of one party is pie a-la-mode for the other.

THE rivers and harbors committee of the House of Representatives voted unanimously in favor of improvement of the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbor. The improvement contemplates the extension of the breakwater to Long Beach, thus doubling the size of the outer harbor; or the construction of the breakwater from the inner harbor if Long Beach and Los Angeles will bear more of the cost.

That is good news for the Southland. The first job is to improve the harbor as is contemplated. The next will be that of dredging inland to make the harbor larger and provide more wharfage. Within the lives of many ships will be docking in Nigger Slough, as far north as Torrance. Before many years this district will not be boasting of mere proximity to the harbor. It will be telling the world that it is AT THE PORT.

NATHAN LEOPOLD and Richard Loeb, youthful intellectual superiors and confessed murderers of Robert Franks in Chicago, will be backed by millions in an effort to prove them insane. Two fortunes will be thrown on the balance of the scales of justice in an effort to save the lads from death at the hands of the law or life imprisonment in other than an insane asylum.

Society, even that portion which abhors capital punishment, will hope that a long and sickening drama like the Thaw case will be avoided; that the money of the fathers will not succeed in thwarting justice; that Leopold and Loeb will be given no more consideration in the courts than if they had been sons of a Clark street district washman.

Western Is Almost Completed; Vermont And Carson Assured

Boyle Workman, President of Council, Promises Quick Action on Los Angeles Portion of Western Avenue

VERMONT TO SWING INTO NORMANDIE

County Will Pay Half of Carson Extension to Orange County Line; Petitions Are Signed

Three main boulevards, one almost completed, another assured, and the third practically assured, will provide Torrance with unrivaled transportation facilities and usher in an era of growth never before enjoyed.

The highways are Western avenue, Carson street, and Vermont avenue.

With the city of Torrance and the county of Los Angeles nearing completion of their portions of the work on Western avenue, Secretary Gadeky, Trustees Brooks and Fitzhugh, Sam Levy and a representative of The Herald Tuesday afternoon received assurances from Boyle Workman, acting mayor and president of the city council of Los Angeles, that the city would start paving its portion of Western avenue without delay.

That Carson street will be paved through to the Orange county line before fall now seems probable.

The board of supervisors has agreed to pay half of the cost. The balance will be met by assessment. In the district between the shoestring strip and Long Beach boulevard almost two-thirds of the property owners already have signed petitions asking that the work be done.

The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the proposal to continue the pavement to connect with Artesia boulevard, running east to Anaheim and Riverside and connecting with the entire Orange county system, and the many highways in the eastern part of Los Angeles county.

The importance of this highway to Torrance cannot be overestimated. With Western avenue paved through this city from the mountains to the sea, with Carson street placing Torrance on a main east-and-west boulevard from the east to west borders of California, no city in the state would be better served by highways.

Work on the extension of Vermont avenue south of Gardena began this week when the county road department started filling in Nigger Slough. Instead of carrying Vermont avenue directly south, the new highway will swing west on 182d street to Normandie avenue, just east of Torrance, and will follow Normandie to within half a mile of Harbor City, where it will make a turn to the east and connect with a paved street that parallels the Pacific Electric tracks. This road connects with Long Beach-Redondo boulevard at the P. E. bridge. Vermont avenue will cross the bridge and proceed due south to the end of the paved road, then to the right through the canyon to Gaffey street, San Pedro.

The negotiations which brought about this assurance started months ago, and necessitated a score of trips to county and city offices by Secretary Gadeky of the Chamber of Commerce and by other delegations.

Several weeks ago, at the behest of the Torrance Chamber, the board of supervisors voted the city of Los Angeles \$25,000 with which to carry on the work. This sum was included in an appropriation of \$100,000, three-quarters of which was to be used for the construction of two bridges in the northern part of the county.

Early this week it was learned by City Engineer Jessup and Secretary Gadeky that the actual paving of the city's portion of Western avenue would be delayed for weeks, perhaps months, owing to the press of other work in the engineering department.

Informed of this, the board of trustees of Torrance Monday night passed a resolution requesting more speedy action on the part of Los Angeles officials. In addition, the delegation called on Mr. Workman Tuesday afternoon.

When informed that the city's portion of only eight blocks remained to be paved to make Western avenue an improved highway from the San Fernando valley to the sea, Mr. Workman sent his secretary to ascertain the exact status of the paving proceedings, with the result that he assured the Torrance delegation that the work would be started at once—having been "shoved ahead" in the engineering department.

Later in the day an official of the public works department of the city of Los Angeles telephoned Mr. Gadeky that the contract would be let within two weeks and the work started at once.

It is estimated that it will take the city at least two weeks to pave the eight blocks which will connect up the highway.

WESTERN AVENUE WILDCAT IS CEMENTED AT 3611 FEET ON TOP OF STRATA SHOWING OIL

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company Wednesday landed water string at Francis No. 1, Western avenue wildcat well, on top of an oil showing at 3611 feet.

The well is now standing cemented. The log of this wildcat has shown streaks of oil at various levels below 3300 feet.

Water string on the company's Dominguez No. 2, about a mile west of the Francis, was set at 3390 feet. The water was not shut off in this well and after a second unsuccessful cement job the drill crew was ordered to core ahead.

The coring process at Dominguez No. 2 and the drilling of Francis No. 1 indicate that the Santa Fe intends to give the northern area a thorough test.

SUPERIOR GETS 2200 BARRELS FROM 2 WELLS

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway oil company, Fullerton and George F. Getty brought in small producers. The C.-C. M. O. brought in Kettler No. 19 at 3870 feet for 100 barrels on the pump.

The Fullerton Oil company completed Waddell No. 1 at 3476 feet for 80-barrel production.

Getty's No. 23 is making 100 barrels, having been completed at 3490 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Zuber of Portola avenue spent Sunday at Long Beach.

Arrested Second Time On Wright Act, Asks Trial

W. J. Akers pleaded not guilty in the justice court Monday to a charge of violating the Wright act, and asked for a jury trial. Date for trial was set for September 17.

Akers, who was arrested Saturday evening at the Midway Rooms by Deputy Patton, pleaded guilty to a similar charge April 12 and paid a fine of \$100.

TORRANCE TOTS IN CONCERT

Little Misses Laura May Hyde and Pearl Gilbert, with tambourine and cymbals, played with the Toy Symphony orchestra at the Redondo Central school today.

Laura May, attired in Colonial costume, danced the minuet.

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